Militants in J & K and Punjab

661. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militants in J & K had managed to travel and to transport arms and ammunitions in vehicles camouflaging the vehicles of security forces;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to check vehicles of security forces in J & K ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in some cases the militants had bribed their way to the security vehicles;

(d) to what extent the checking measures have helped in checking the militants activities in the State;

(e) whether the extremists activities have increased in J & K and Punjab and some rockets were fired in Jammu during December, 1990; and

(f) if so, the measure taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) (a) to (f) Use of security vehicles or those similar to them by the militants to transport arms and ammunition or to travel has not come to notice. However, in a solitary case, it came to notice that a Police vehicle was used by militants in connivance with some Police personnel. The concerned persons have been arrested and a criminal case has been registered. While no regular/systematic checking of security forces vehicles is being done, Army and Para-Military sentries do make enquiries of such vehicles entering their premises. The extremist violence is marginally on the decline in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab in December, 1990. One incident of Rocket attack in Jammu has taken place in December, 1990.

The Security forces are alive to the situation in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir and are taking appropriate steps in the matter.

Inquiry into Meham election violence

662. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SARDAR JAGAJIT SINGH AURORA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former Supreme Court Judge, D.P. Madon, was entructed with the inquiry into the Meham election violence on July 24, 1990; if so, what were the terms of reference;

(b) when the commission was to submit its report, and what are the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether it is a fact that even after the lapse of four months, the commission was not provided with proper staff and office for its functioning;

(d) whether it is a fact that Mr. Justice Madon has since resigned from his post, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is Government's reaction thereto and what would be the fact of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. The terms of reference are indicated in the attached statement. (*See* below)

(b) As per the initial term, the Commission was to complete its enquiry and submit report to the Union Government within a period of three months. However, the Commission had not progressed much, and on the request of the Judge,

the life of the Commission was extended upto 23rd April, 1991.

(c) All the requisite facilities and other arrangements as are necessary to run an office were made available to the Commission.

(d) and (e) Government notes with regret that gave up the assignment without completing it, and tendered his resignation on 7th December, 1990. There is no change in the Government's decision on the Meham Commission of Inquiry.

Statement

The Commission shall make an inquiry with respect to the following matters:—

(a) the circumstances immediately preceding and resulting in the death, during the night of 16th/17th May, 1990, of Shri Amir Singh, one of the candidates in the bye-election to the Haryana Legislative Assembly from Meham Constituency;

(b) facts relating to the violent incidents in village Madina and the role of the police authorities therein; and

(c) any other matter connected therewith or incidental thereto.

12.00 NOON

[THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and accounts (1989-90) of the Cochin Dock Labour Board Cochin and related papers

II. Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Madras Dock Labour Board, Madras and related papers

III. Report and accounts (1989-90) of the Kendla Dock Labour Board, Kandla and related papers

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under section 5E of the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1948:—

I (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Cochin Dock Labour Board, Cochin for the year 1989-90, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Board. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1577/90]

II (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Madras Dock Labour Board, Madras, for the year 1989-90, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by the Government on the working of the Board. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1670/91]

III (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Kandla Dock Labour Board, Kandla for the year 1989-90, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Board. [Placed in library. *See* No. LT-1671/91]

Accounts (1988-89) of the Delhi Transport Corporation, New Delhi and related papers.

SHRI MANU BHAI KOTADIA: Madam, I also lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (4) of section 33 of the Road Transport Corporation Act, 1950, read with Delhi Transport Laws (Amendment) Act, 1971:—

(a) Annual Accounts of the Delhi Transport Corporatoin, New